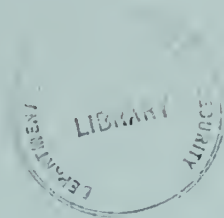


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PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969

Officials:-

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PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Radnorshire)

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report upon the sanitary conditions and state of the public health in the Painscastle Rural District during the year 1969.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and have included comments on all subjects specifically requested in Circular 5/70(Wales) issued by the Health Department of the Welsh Office.

SECTION 1. GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area 31,414 acres.

<u>Population</u>	Census 1931	2,149.
	" 1951	1,790.
	" 1961	1,736.
	Estimated Mid-summer 1969	1,590.

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last 10 years was:-

1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
1,790	1,780	1,710	1,690	1,690	1,650	1,620	1,630	1,620	1,610

Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses in the district was 587 giving an average number of 2.7 persons per house.

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
Legitimate	12	6	18	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	
	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	11.3

The local adjusted birthrate was 14.6.

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 16.3

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Still Births

There were no still births registered in 1969.

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
	10	7	17	10.7

The local adjusted deathrate was 9.6.

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 11.9

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Infant Deaths

No deaths were recorded in children under one year of age.

Maternal Deaths

No deaths could be attributed to childbirth or abortion in 1969.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	7	2
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	-
Pneumonia	1	1
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SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers The Public Health Inspector is Mr. Wm. D. Morgans who holds the appointment jointly with Hay Urban and Hay Rural District Councils.

Laboratory Facilities Laboratory facilities are available at Hereford and Carmarthen. Water samples are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, County Hospital, Hereford, for bacteriological examination. Any investigations required in the control of infectious diseases are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Hereford.

Nursing and Other Facilities The Radnorshire County Council is responsible for these services. The County Council also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria, polio-myelitis and whooping-cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals The hospital needs of the district for all diseases, apart from infectious diseases, are provided for at the County and General Hospitals in Hereford. A few cases are also admitted to Brecon and Llandrindod Wells Hospitals. Hereford and Merthyr Tydfil Isolation Hospitals receive cases of infectious disease.

Post-Mortem Facilities Post-mortem examinations are performed by the Pathologist at Hereford County Hospital.

SECTION 3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board is responsible for the water supplies in the district.

The following samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector from public village supplies in the district and the results notified to the Water Board:-

<u>Name of Supply</u>	<u>Total Number taken</u>	<u>Analyses of Samples</u>	
		<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Clyro	2	2	-
Llowes	2	2	-
Boughrood	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>

Samples were also taken from 6 private sources and of these 4 were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory. The owners being advised on works necessary to improve the quality of water where samples were unsatisfactory.

Number of houses in the district 587.

Number of houses supplied from public mains 236.

Hay Area Water Scheme

As from the 1st. April 1966 the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board was responsible for the administration of this scheme. Water from Llanbwhllyn Lake is now being fully treated at the Purification Plant near Perthi Turn and being supplied to the villages. Work has continued on the construction of the Intake Works and Purification Plant near the River Wye at Llyswen.

Drainage and Sewerage

The position with regard to public sewerage scheme for the district was as follows:-

Llowes Village

The Welsh Office gave approval to the revised drawings of the proposed sewage disposal works prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers. The Welsh Office stated that the Council's proposals for providing a sewerage and sewage disposal works for this village have had to be looked at in the light of moderating the growth of public expenditure and the scheme would have to be deferred for the time being.

Clyro Village

The Council's scheme for providing sewerage and sewage disposal works for this village has had to be held in abeyance in view of the Welsh Office requirement that all such schemes should be deferred for the time being.

Paincastle Village

Planning permission was granted by Radnorshire County Council to the site for the proposed sewage disposal works for this village and the District Valuer commenced negotiations with the owner for purchase of the land. The Consulting Engineers prepared and submitted detailed plans and calculations of the scheme for consideration by the Council and to be sent to Welsh Office, Wye River Authority and Radnorshire County Council for approval.

General

A sewage works maintenance team is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, which comprises two workman with small van fitted out with the necessary tools and equipment for regular maintenance of all sewage disposal works. The emptying of the tanks and cesspools is undertaken by a local contractor.

Number of inspections made to drainage work 8.

Public Cleansing

The refuse collection service is undertaken by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector; the refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip. Refuse is collected once weekly in the parishes of Clyro, Llowes, Glasbury, Boughrood and Llanstephan, and monthly in the parishes of Bryngwyn, Llandilo-Graban, Llanbedr-Paincastle and Llandewifach.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1969:-

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	10.
Number of complaints investigated	10.
Number of premises inspected	8.
Number of premises re-visited	4.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	1.
Number of Abatement Notices served	0.

Verminous Premises(excluding rats and mice)

Number of cases investigated	0.
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Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 5 licensed Inns/Hotels in the district.

Number of inspections made	6.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	1.

Caravan Sites

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district as follows:-

- (1). Fforest Cwm Farm, Clyro, for 3 residential and 26 holiday caravans.
- (2). Harbour Farm, Newchurch, for 12 holiday caravans.

The site at Fforest Cwm Farm, which was originally licensed for up to 15 holiday caravans, received planning permission during the year for an increase up to 26 holiday caravans and the Site Licence was amended accordingly, and the owner provided additional toilet and washing facilities to comply with the Site Licence conditions.

"Outline" planning permission was granted during the year for the establishment of a holiday and touring caravan site at Castle Farm, Paincastle, subject to the site being limited to a maximum of 10 caravans at any one time.

Number of inspections made to caravan sites	10.
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Rodent Control

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector:-

	1967	1968	1969
Number of premises inspected	388	415	319
Number of premises found infested	98	112	94
Number of premises treated by the Rodent Operator	68	86	69
Number of premises treated by the Occupier	30	26	25
Estimated number of rats killed	680	819	635
Number of dead rats picked up	162	170	144

The refuse tip at Clyro receives regular inspections and treatment to prevent any infestation. Baiting is carried out with the use of Warfarin and there is no evidence to indicate any rodent resistance to this type of bait.

SECTION 4. HOUSING

The Council own 53 houses including the 8 Old People's Bungalows at Glasbury and one old cottage in the village of Llowes.

Proposed Housing Site at Clyro.

The Local Planning Authority granted planning permission on the Council's "outline" application for erection of dwellings on approximately 1.8 acres of land near Caemawr Cottages in the village of Clyro, and negotiations for purchase of the land were commenced.

Private Housing

There were 4 private dwellings erected in the District during 1969 which makes a total of 48 private dwellings erected since 1946.

Housing Grants

Three applications for Standard Grants were approved during the year for a maximum figure of £1,075, and one Discretionary Grant for £295 was also approved.

The following Table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants over the past six years:-

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Discretionary Grants	0	1	3	2	0	1
Standard Grants	8	13	12	12	7	3

Housing Applications

There were 10 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses and bungalows at 31st. December 1969 and these showed preference for the following parishes:-

Parish	Number of applicants
Glasbury	7
Llowes	1
Clyro	1
Painscastle	1
	<u>10</u>

Four of the applicants were elderly people requiring bungalows at Glasbury.

Housing General

Number of housing inspections made by the P.H.I. 28.

Housing Act 1957

(1). Number of houses demolished 1.
(2). Number of unfit houses closed 0.
(3). Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied 0.
(4). Number of unfit houses in temporary use 0.
(5). Number of unfit houses at the end of 1969 18.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat

There is one slaughterhouse in the district situated in the village of Boughrood and owned by Mr. H. Williams.

Number of inspections at the slaughterhouse 97.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	65	0	388	67	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	1.5	0	0	0	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966

In accordance with the requirements of these Regulations the Council approved the following days and times for slaughtering:-

Mondays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Tuesdays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Fridays: 2.0 pm. to 5.0 pm.

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

The Council has levied the maximum charge permitted under these Regulations for animals inspected at the slaughterhouse:-

2s. 6d. per beast (other than a calf)

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep or lamb.

Milk

There are two milk dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurised and sterilised milk; both operating from dairies outside the district; one being in the Hay Urban District and other in Brecon Borough. The County Council is the authority for registering dealers and taking milk samples.

Ice-cream Premises

There are 4 premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream.
Number of inspections to ice-cream premises 7.
No samples were taken during the year.

Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses)

There is one butcher's shop in the district.
Number of inspections made during 1969 14.
There are no bakehouses in the district.

Fried Fish Shops

There are no fish and chip shops in the district.

Food Hygiene(General)Regulations 1960

There are 6 shops which deal in food in the district and these may be classified as follows:-

Grocers (General)	4.
Confectioners/Tobacconists	1.
Butchers	1.

No foodstuffs from shops were condemned during the year.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

Number of inspections made during 1969 9.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

SECTION 6. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were no cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported during the year. The district was therefore remarkably free from such diseases.

Venereal Disease

The County Council has an agreement with the County Hospital in Hereford for the treatment of such cases.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Polio-myelitis Vaccination

The County Council is responsible for the immunisation of children against diphtheria and polio-myelitis and details for the district will be found in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

Facilities for immunisation and vaccination are available at the clinic in Hay-on-Wye owned by Breconshire County Council and at the surgeries of the medical practitioners in the area.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1969 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PAINSCASTLE IN THE COUNTY OF RADNOR.

Prescribed particulars in the administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	5	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	6	5	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:-

No defects were found in the premises listed above during the year 1969.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

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Medical Officer of Health

